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In re U.S. Patent Application of

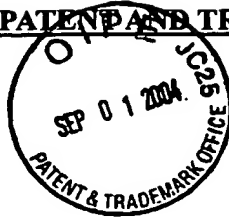
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the Renewed Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority, attached hereto, and in conjunction with entry of the Request for Continued Examination previously transmitted on March 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before FIELD OF THE INVENTION of page 1 of the disclosure currently on file with the following paragraph:

This application is the US National Stage for and claims the priority date of the PCT application number PCT/JP99/06749 filed on December 1, 1999, under 35 U.S.C. § 120.